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SUBJ: SOMALI SUCCESS AT OAU

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1. KENYAN AMBASSADOR LLAKO AGREED WITH ME THAT AT LEAST SITTING IN MOGADISCIO IT LOOKED AS THOUGH SOMALIS HAD HAD SOME SUCCESS AT OAU. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD SERVE TO STRENGTHEN SIAD' S POSITION ON INTERNAL SCENE. PRESIDENT WAS UNDER CONTINUAL PRESSURE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT SOMALIA' S TERRITORIAL CLAIMS.
2. LLAKO THOUGHT ETHIOPIANS HAD MADE MISTAKE IN ISSUING SUCH TOUGH STATEMENT THROUGH MINISTER OF INFORMATION ON SIAD' S ARRIVAL. THIS TYPE OF TREATMENT ONLY STIRRED UP HOTHEADED AND BRISTLY SOMALIS, WHO ALWAYS SUFFERED GREAT COMPLEX OF INFERIORITY IN DEALING WITH ETHIOPIANS. ADMITTEDLY, ETHIOPIANS HAD HAD ROUGH TIME AT CONFERENCE BETWEEN SOMALIS AND LIBYANS, AND ETHIOPIANS WERE PRETTY SENSITIVE THEMSELVES.
3. LLAKO TENDED THINK THAT NOW THAT SOMALIS HAD BLOWN OFF STEAM AND GOTTEN A LOT OF ATTENTION, A BIT OF MASSAGING BY THE ETHIOPIANS WOULD GO FAR TOWARD GETTING SIAD AND HIS GOVERN-

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MENT TO BEHAVE -- AT LEAST FOR A WHILE. ETHIO- SOMALI TENSIONS SHOULD NOW SUBSIDE.

4. SIAD, ACCORDING TO LLAKO, HAD RECENTLY PUSHED HARD HIS PROPOSAL FOR SOMALI FEDERATION WITH KENYA, ONCE AGAIN OFFERING PRESIDENCY TO KENYATTA AND THIS TIME DROPPING INSISTENCE ON SOMALI ADMINISTRATION OF NFD. KENYAN AMBASSADOR SUSPECTED THIS WAS ONE MORE SOMALI PLOY TO ISOLATE ETHIOPIA. NEVER-THELESS, LLAKO'S REACTION WAS SOMEWHAT LESS NEGATIVE THAN IN PAST. HE SAID, HOWEVER, ANY PROPOSAL OF SUCH MAGNITUDE, IF SERIOUSLY MEANT, REQUIRED CAREFUL DIPLOMATIC BUILDUP AND CONCRETE STEPS TO GREATLY IMPROVE RELATIONS IN FIRST INSTANCE.

5. LLAKO SAID RUMOR WAS CURRENT IN MOGADISCIO THAT EMPEROR HAD GOTTEN SQUADRON OF PHANTOMS DURING WASHINGTON TRIP. I SAID THIS DID NOT ACCORD WITH MY INFORMATION.
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